



King County

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Veterans Citizen Levy Oversight Board (VCLOB) Meeting Summary March 19, 2009 2-4 p.m. Douglas-Truth Library - Seattle

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 2:00 pm.

Roll Call

A quorum was declared.

Board Members Present: Doug Hoople (Chair), Bill Wood (Vice Chair), Kathy Lewis, Robert Stephens, Jr., Ron Forest, Oren Hadaller, Roger Welles, Gary Kingsbury, Stan Gunno

Board Members Excused/Absent: Francisco Ivarra

County Staff Present: Marcy Kubbs, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Laird Heia, DCHS; Sadikifu Akina-James, DCHS; Joel Estey, King County Veterans' Program (KCVP), Deborah Gay, DCHS; Fred Steele, DCHS

Guests: Cynthia Lefever

Review of Meeting Summary

The draft January meeting summary was reviewed with no corrections identified.

ACTION: The January meeting summary was approved.

Board Elections

Marcy Kubbs advised the board that three members are still in the process of being re-appointed. King County (KC) staff continues to work with KC Council staff to encourage their completion.

A motion was made to keep the current officers as they stand for another year. The motion was seconded and approved. Doug Hoople & Bill Wood were re-elected as chair and vice-chair for 2009.

Strategy 1.1 - KCVP Outreach Investigation Plan

Fred Steele, KCVP Administrator reported on the KCVP Outreach Investigation Plan. The goal for the next three to four months is to clarify the specifics of the plan and to market to high visibility sites. Discussion ensued around recommendations for potential sites in the north County area. Recommendations include:

- Compass Center (near the transportation hub in Shoreline)
- Local community centers
- Hopelink in Shoreline
- Vets Centers at north Seattle locations and Community Colleges.

Committee Reports

Strategy #1: The February 22 meeting included a review of the Fourth Quarter 2008 Levy fiscal report for Strategies 1.1 – 1.4 and continued with a discussion and update on the “Un-programmed funds”:

- Consultation and Resources for School Staff on Issues affecting Military Kids
Sadikifu provided an update on her committee which will be reviewing curriculum at their next meeting. They are hoping to have the final curriculum in May with implementation in August. WDVA will help with the training.
- National Guard Family Assistance Center Coordinator (FACC). Contracting issues have occurred. It is hoped these will be resolved shortly.
- Veterans Conservation Corp Program. This program has been operating since the fall of 2008.
- Veterans Housing Planning and Coordination
The Veterans Housing Planning and coordination position should be posted for applications soon.

Strategy #2: At the February meeting members of the Strategy 2 committee discussed the disbursement of VHS Levy funds and implementation of services. Members indicated they would like to be notified when ground breakings and openings of projects funded by the Levy occur so they can be present. These events can be useful to increase awareness of Levy funded projects and services.

Communication: Much of the discussion at the last Communications Committee meeting focused on the importance of getting the Speakers’ Bureau up and running. The team reviewed and edited the draft presentation and received input from Sherry Hamilton, DCHS Communications Manager. Details can be found in the Communications Subcommittee Meeting Summary.

Chair’s Report

Doug Hoople attended Sadikifu’s presentation to the City of Covington, Youth & Family Services Commission. He encouraged others to participate in these events and recommended at least one board member attend her presentations.

King County Staff Report

- Marcy Kubbs stated that the Program Manager II position (Kelli's) has been posted.
- Upcoming Meetings:
 - Strategy 1, Monday, April 20, 4-6pm, Douglas-Truth Library
 - Strategy 5, Monday, April 20, 2-4pm, Douglas-Truth Library
 - Joint RHSLOB/VCLOB Meeting, Thursday, April 23, 2-4pm, Mercer Island Community Center, Rm. 101/Groveland.
- On the evening of April 1, Councilmember Ferguson will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting focusing on assisting Veterans, to be held at Shoreline Community Center. It will include a resource fair and a Panel discussion on how partners interact to support our Veterans. For more information, go to:
<http://www.kingcounty.gov/Ferguson.aspx>. Every Vets Levy board members will receive an invitation.
- Policy on the appointment of levy oversight board members has been revised to be brought into line with other Department of Community and Human Services boards. The primary change from the previous process is that potential board members need to attend at least two meetings before their appointment can proceed. There was some concern that with the boards currently meeting every other month, the process could take a long time. It was suggested applications to be submitted after the first meeting to accelerate the process. The board also inquired about the definition of "good standing" as stated in the document. Marcy Kubbs explained that the wording referred to ensuring that current financial disclosure forms were complete. Also, the chair needs to be sure attendance isn't a problem.
- Work on the 2008 Annual Report has begun.

Old Business

- A board member recently attended a mobile medical van clinic and was impressed with the staff and services provided. The clinics are held in conjunction with meal programs offered by local churches. Staff of the medical van has requested additional case management services to provide more one-on-one support to patients.

New Business

- Doug would like meet with Debora Gay and Jackie McLane to discuss the next levy.
- Sadikifu shared that the Military Children's Summit will be coming up in November this year and would like recommendations for topics and presenters. Suggestions included training on becoming an advocate for wounded warriors and on secondary PTSD. Sadikifu encouraged board members to contact her with any additional ideas. She also encouraged both boards to be present at the Summit and consider renting a table to increase their visibility.

Petitions/Communications (Public Comment)

Cynthia Lefever announced the TBI conference to be held from 8 – 4pm, May 4 in SeaTac. Please contact her if you'd like additional information.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.